GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:119
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2005
EXPANSION OF TOURISM INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is considerable scope for expansion of tourism industry;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has conducted any study to explore the possibility for expansion of tourism industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM

(a), (b) and (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.119 FOR 01.08.2005 REGARDING EXPANSION OF TOURISM INDUSTRY

(a): Yes, Sir. India`s vast bounties of nature; its great treasures of art, architecture and philosophical thoughts; its rich cultural heritage; its rural and wildlife and practices of Yoga, Siddha, Ayurveda and Unani Systems of dealing with physical and mental ailments; etc. offer variety of tourism options for foreign tourists and it is felt that the present level of foreign tourist arrivals is much below India`s potential.

(b) and (c): Perspective Plans of 20 years for development of tourism in States/UTs have been prepared.